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Dole honored

"A good friend. The voice of the Heartland. A true American hero." These were among the many compliments paid to former Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., at his 80th birthday celebration in Lawrence. See Page 9

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Memorial service honors Rozier

By John S. Wollaston
Staff Writer

BAGHDAD IRAQ - A Memorial service was held Tuesday morning at the 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor headquarters for 1st Lt. Jonathan D. Rozier. Rozier was killed Saturday in the Abu Garib market section of Baghdad when a rocket-propelled grenade struck him while his platoon was conducting a routine traffic control point.

Soldiers from the 3rd Brigade Combat Team and the 1st Armored Division gathered to say goodbye and remember a friend and fellow soldier. Rozier, 25, a native of Katy, Texas, and a recent graduate of Texas A&M University, had been with Company B, a little over a year and promoted to 1st lieutenant June 15.

"When I think of a Texas Aggie, I think of the stereotypical Texas Aggie," said Lt. Col. Leopoldo Quintas, battalion commander, 2nd Bn., 70th Armor, "loud and boisterous, someone who was headstrong but, Jon was the exception to that rule. He was quiet and unassuming. He led his soldiers both in peacetime and with distinction in war. He served side by side with them. He assumed their risks and dangers, and he endured their hardships, every step, every kilometer of the way."

It was Rozier's platoon of tanks that were first across the berm that separates Kuwait and Iraq in the early hours of March 20, signaling the start of Operation Iraqi Freedom. For his actions during the ground combat phase of OIF, Rozier was awarded the Bronze Star with "V" Device for Valor by Maj. Gen. David Petraeus, commander of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) with whom



Stacy Wall waits for boyfriend, Shane Moore, at a redeployment ceremony July 17. Waiting with her is Moore's mother, Debbie Klick.

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Soldiers greeted by families at redeployments

By William Biles
Staff Writer

Several hundred combat veterans from Task Force 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, were greeted Thursday and Saturday after returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom. The crowd of family and friends erupted into cheers as the men of the infantry battalion marched single file into the hangar.

Other soldiers from the unit, who had recently returned from overseas, were also on hand to greet their fellow infantrymen on their return home.

"I'm here because the last few of my soldiers are arriving, and I want to make sure they are all here and make sure they all have a ride home so they can be reunited with their loved ones," said Staff Sgt. Alex Velasco, scout, HHC, 1st Bn., 41st Inf.

As the soldiers' families and loved ones awaited the arrival, the soldiers were two hangars away in-processing and turning in their sensitive items. The soldiers were also feeling the anxiety of being so close to being reunited and wondered what their reaction would be once the reunion happened.

"I'm just hoping I don't start to cry in front of everybody," said Cpl. Leroy Gunn, Mortar Platoon, HHC, 1st Bn., 41st Inf. While Spc. Jacob Stutzman, HHC, 1st Bn., 41st Inf., said, "It feels great to be

home. I haven't seen my family in five and a half months, and it feels great knowing I will be seeing them again soon, especially my mom, who has been worrying about me since the day I left."

"I'm just hoping I don't start to cry in front of everybody."

—Cpl. Leroy Gunn
Headquarters and Headquarters Company,
1st Battalion, 41st Infantry

Military Police Company and won't be home for a little while longer, so I still have a reunion to look forward to."

Despite the delayed reunion, Matlach was still in high spirits.

"It was a real sense of relief once I boarded the plane home. For the last year and a half, I have been with this unit. We have been deployed for almost the whole time. It's nice to know that it's finally over, and being here gives it an end statement to everything."

Some people might think the hardest part for the soldiers in Iraq was the fighting, but for several of the soldiers returning Saturday, that was not the case.

"Being away from my family and not having any regular communication with them was the hardest part about being there," said Gunn.

According to Chap. (Capt.) David Schnarr, battalion chaplain, 1st Bn., 41st Inf., he wasn't alone in feeling that way.

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Fourth partial lift of Stop Loss effects Fort Riley soldiers

On July 1, Reginald J. Brown, assistant secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, approved partially lifting Stop Loss for 22 of 24 selected officer specialties and enlisted specialties subject to the Army's all component 12-Month, Skill-Based Stop Loss Program.

The decision to execute a fourth partial lift of Stop Loss will affect approximately 1,200 Active Army, 970 Army Reserve and 975 National Guard soldiers between now and January 2004.

This includes over Fort Riley 300 soldiers, said Lt. Col. Robert Knock, G1.

Personnel strength managers from all Army components will regulate separa-

tion dates to ensure no adverse impact on Army-wide readiness.

"Most of these soldiers will have an adjusted ETS of October, November or December 2003," Knock said. "The Army is programming new soldiers for duty at Fort Riley based on the newly projected losses."

These soldiers, as they begin their transition from the Army, will be provided sufficient time to complete transition/career counseling processing and demobilization activities for Ready Reserve soldiers.

Some agencies (and activities) affected include In-Out processing, Army

Career and Alumni Program, housing move out, inspection, transportation pick-up dates, identification card facility, awards processing, finance procession, transition center processing and central issue facility, said Knock.

"Fort Riley agencies will adjust to handle the increased work load," he said.

"Commanders have been charged to maintain readiness while simultaneously caring for soldiers and ensuring their smooth and timely transition from the Army. In doing so, commanders must ensure that these soldiers are provided sufficient time to complete transition and career counseling processing."

The following officer and warrant specialties for active Army and Ready Reserve soldiers subject to the all component 12-Month, Skill-Based Stop Loss will no longer be subject to Stop Loss:

Officer Specialties: 30 Information Operations, 34 Strategic Intelligence, 35 Military Intelligence, 45A Comptroller, 48G Foreign Area Officer (Mideast/North Africa) and 51C Contract & Industrial Management.

Warrant Officer Specialties: 152C OH-6 Scout Pilot, 153D, UH-60 Pilot, 154C CH-47D Pilot, 311A, CID Special Agent, 351B, Counter Intelligence Tech-

nician and 351E Human Intelligence Collection Technician.

Enlisted Soldier Military Occupational Specialties: 52E Prime Power Production Specialist, 74B Information Systems Operator, 95B Military Police, 95C Correctional Specialist, 95D CID Special Agent, 96B Intelligence Analyst, 97B Counter Intelligence Agent, 97E Human Intelligence Collector, 97L Translator and 98G Voice Interceptor.

Brown approved four increments of Stop Loss in support of Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom. The first

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82nd Medical Company evacuated over 1,000 coalition, enemy patients



Post/Wood

The 82nd Medical Company's helicopters return to Fort Riley after being shipped from Iraq.

By Michael Watson
Staff writer

During Operation Iraqi Freedom, Fort Riley's air ambulance company saved lives, evacuating sick and wounded soldiers and civilians from the battlefield.

The 82nd Medical Company flew approximately 1,000 hours and evacuated more than 1,000 patients during its three and a half month deployment. After each day of treating patients, Maj. James Schwartz, commander, 82nd Med. Co., said he felt good knowing the unit helped so many people.

According to The Merriam Webster Dictionary, these soldiers are heroes - individuals admired

for their achievements and qualities. However, Schwartz said the soldiers were just doing their jobs.

"Our primary mission was to evacuate and treat wounded soldiers and civilians on the battlefield," he said. "We cared for U.S. soldiers as well as coalition and enemy forces."

"We had everything from static pickups, where the soldiers were relatively safe, to missions with a higher intensity, where cover fire was provided to protect the crews loading patients on the black-hawks."

Every mission was dangerous, because of the sand. Not only did it dramatically reduce visibility for the pilots, but the sand also shattered windshields and ruined five or six helicopter engines.

Since aircraft were the primary mode of transportation for patients and supplies, Schwartz said it would take a pretty vicious sandstorm to keep the crews grounded.

"We had a mission to do, and we were going to do it," he said.

Most of the unit returned home in May, however, a two crews remained in Iraq to sustain the air ambulance mission. Schwartz said the 12 crews that have returned were blessed to return safely, and he hopes the soldiers still overseas will return home safe shortly.

The unit's equipment arrived back at Fort Riley Monday, and the soldiers will now be repairing

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Reenlistment or not? Many incentives, options for soldiers

By William Biles
Staff Writer

To reenlist or not to reenlist? That is the question every soldier will have to answer at least once in their career as their reenlistment window approaches.

Before that window is upon them, soldiers should be aware of what the service can, and will, offer them for their service to their country.

The best source for that information is their unit's reenlistment noncommissioned officer.

Their NCO will have all of the latest updates on reenlistment incentives available based on the individual soldier, said Les Coleman, reenlistment NCO, Company C, 1st Engineer Battalion. The NCO will also be able to provide soldiers with information on the Bonus, Extension and Retraining program, he added.

When a soldier first reports to a unit, he is given an initial assessment by the NCO. The assessment will let the NCO know how to tailor the counseling process for the soldier until the time comes for him to reenlist, Coleman said.

When a soldier's window opens for reenlistment, 12 months prior to their scheduled date to separate from the military, he should have a firm grasp on what incentives, options and bonuses he is able to receive, if everyone has done their job (soldier and NCO), Coleman said.

Soldiers should be aware that even though their window opens up 12 months before they are scheduled to get out of the service, they can see a career counselor 13 months before their separation date, said Sgt. Maj. Thomas Kelly, command career counselor, 24th Infantry Division (Mech)

and Fort Riley. Soldiers should also be aware that they have up to 90 days prior to their separation date to reenlist. Once they are within 90 days, chances are they won't be reenlisting, said Kelly.

Kelly also said if they wait too long, they stand a chance of limiting their options.

How many times a soldier has been reenlisted, as well as how many years he has been in the service, will dictate what type of options he will be offered, Coleman said.

Initial term soldiers will, more than likely, have all of the options offered to them. The longer a soldier is in the service, mid-career and career soldiers, the less options he will have.

What are some of the options that the service offers soldiers? One option is the Needs of the Army option. The Needs of the Army option is the usual option given to career soldiers. What it means is, the soldier is adding time to his contract, and that's it, said Kelly.

Another option is Current Station Stabilization. Soldiers can choose this option if they want to stay at their current post and not worry about being transferred to another one for a year, he said.

This option will let soldiers stay on their current post for one year from their separation date, which could give them up to two years of stabilization if they reen-

list for that option when their window first opens," said Kelly.

A third option is Retraining. With the Retraining option, a soldier receives the option of being trained to reclassify into a different Military Occupational Skill. There are certain requirements the soldier needs to be able to pick this option. Depending on the MOS, the soldier will need to reenlist for three to four years, said Kelly.

A fourth option is to reenlist for an Overseas Assignment. When choosing this option, soldiers get to choose whether they want to go to Europe, Hawaii, Alaska, Korea and so on. They are not able to choose what post they will be stationed at, just the region they would like to tour, Kelly said.

The fifth option is for another Continental United States (CONUS) location. With this option, soldiers have a say in where they are stationed within the United States, he said.

In addition, soldiers, depending on how under-strength or how critical an MOS is to the Army, may be able to receive a cash bonus for reenlisting, Kelly said.

"We have a bonus list we are able to look at to determine if the soldier is able to receive a bonus. We match up the soldier's MOS with his rank, and once we do that, we look down the list. If there is a number, it is a multiplier, so if the number is a one, we

multiply it times the soldier's base pay, then take that number and multiply it times the number of years he reenlisted for," he said. "The multipliers go up to six, but max out at \$20,000."

For cash bonuses, soldiers are grouped into zones - A, B and C. The zones are for the number of years the soldier has been in the Army. The A zone represents soldiers who have been in for 17 months, up to six years. The B zone is for soldiers with six to 10 years of service and the C zone is 10 - 14 years. "The majority of the cash bonuses fall within the A and B zones," said Kelly.

Once a soldier reaches his 10-year mark, the propensity for him to reenlist is so great, the Army doesn't put a lot of bonuses in that zone.

"Most soldiers, once they get to the 10-year mark, understand they are half way to their retirement, and most soldiers won't throw that away. The percentage of soldiers that reenlist beyond 10 years is about 96 percent," he said.

Other pluses for reenlisting are incentives.

What are incentives? Incentives are usually given at the battalion or company level. An example would be receiving a couple of days off from work in conjunction with reenlistment.

Posts also give incentives. Fort Riley offers the college incentive to soldiers who are interested in going to school.

"The college incentive doesn't have anything to do with how much it costs to go to school, it's when you get to go. The college incentive allows them to go to school during the duty day. The soldier will need to do some legwork, going to the university for a class schedule, then working out a plan and having it Okayed by the

unit commander," Kelly said.

"The college option is not a six-month vacation away from duty. The soldier will not be in class all day. When he is not in class, he will be at work," said Kelly.

If soldiers feel they need more information than what their unit reenlistment NCOs are providing, they can bring it to the next level, said Kelly.

"They can go right to their Brigade Reenlistment Office,

where they can talk to a school-trained career counselor. Normally, in the Army we like soldiers to go through their chain-of-command, but when it comes to reenlistment they are always welcome at the Brigade Reenlistment Office," he said.

Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of stories on reenlistment. The last part of the series, After the Oath, will be in next weeks Fort Riley Post.



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3rd Brigade continues mission

By John S. Wollaston
3rd BCT PAO

BAGHDAD IRAQ - If you took a poll of 3rd Brigade soldiers in Iraq about what's the hardest part of this deployment, the answer wouldn't be the heat, the food (which is improving daily) or even the constant danger lurking on the streets. The hardest part of this deployment for most soldiers is the things they miss back home, things like their kids last day of school, summer vacations, birthdays and anniversaries.

Sgt. Roy Eldridge, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, when asked how many Fourth of July's he has missed in his military career, said, "Not many, but I always seem to be gone for my wedding anniversary." A couple weeks later at a surprise birthday party for Col. Russell Gold, commander, 3rd Brigade, he was asked the same question about birthday's he's spent away from home. "In my 23 years in the military," he said searching his memory, "there have been too many to recall."

A couple of things have happened over the last two weeks that are giving everyone in 3rd



News
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Spc. John
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reporting

Brigade a glimmer of hope that Iraq is starting to turn itself around. First, the Iraqi people will soon be able to govern themselves after decades of despotism, courtesy of the Ba'ath Socialist Party. Secondly, the Iraqi people are getting as tired of the bad elements in their society as the Americans are. The 3rd Brigade soldiers witnessed some of the very first free and open elections the country has ever had. It wasn't for the country's next president or parliament or anything like that, but the fact that citizens of Baghdad were able to elect their own city council members is a step that was unthinkable just six months ago.

Once the city government is established and running, a national government can begin to take shape. Col. Gold has told the soldiers on several occasions, "The sooner this country can govern and protect itself from internal as

well as external dangers, the sooner we can all go home."

A sign that the people of Baghdad are tired of the daily violence came recently with the capture of a killer. This was not just any killer mind you. This was the triggerman wanted in the murder of an Army lieutenant colonel. The shooter did not engage the officer honorably on the field of combat. He sneaked up behind the unsuspecting man and shot him in the neck while he was waiting to buy a drink at a market, according to reports. Launching an Iraqi version of Crime Stoppers, a reward was offered and working through a local Imam. The shooters nephew came forward with the information 3rd Brigade needed to make an arrest. Fortunately, no shots were fired.

The shooter was apprehended at a Baghdad hospital, where he was selling one of his kidneys for cash. As the man was being taken away, the doctor, whether in a moment of very grim wit or under the false impression that this man was about to meet his ultimate demise as revenge for killing an American officer, told the soldiers, "If he dies, please let me know as soon as possible so I can get both of his kidneys."

Talk Around Town

"What do you look forward to most starting a new school year?"



"I look forward to playing sports, being an All-star for all sports, and girls."



"I look forward to new teachers and new friends."



"I look forward to seeing my friends again."

DeAndre Simmons
8th Grade
Fort Riley Middle School

Natalie Niebres
7th Grade
Fort Riley Middle School

Sean Miller
8th Grade
Jantell Jr. High,
Colorado Springs

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2nd Bn., 70th Armor spent the majority of their time during combat operations.

"Jon died doing what a platoon leader should do," said his company commander, Capt. D. Bradley Lauauwe. "He was on the ground with his soldiers, setting the example and leading from the front. You can't ask anymore of a leader than to be out front with his soldiers."

Lauauwe read a portion of a poem given at every Aggie muster for those who have fallen. "Softly call to muster, let comrades answer here. Their spirits hover 'round, as if to us bring cheer. Mark them present forever in your hearts, we'll meet again some other day. For there is no death but life eternal, for old friends such as they."

Shortly after the conclusion of the ceremony, 3rd Brigade Commander, Col. Russ Gold said the people who killed Rozier would be found and brought to justice.

"We are not fighting soldiers, because soldiers have honor," Gold said of the attackers. "We are engaged with criminals, who are immoral, have no honor, and contribute nothing to society but hatred and discontent. They are murderers, and only understand one thing, brute force, and that is just what they are going to get. I will use every resource available to find and capture the individuals responsible for this heinous crime."

The ceremony concluded with a roll call, the playing of taps and friends and fellow soldiers com-

ing forward to pay their last respects.



A soldier from 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor pays his final respects to 1st Lt. Jonathan Rozier in Iraq.

3rd BCT/Wollaston

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Stop Loss

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increment was announced Nov. 30, 2001 and focused on active Army Special Forces soldiers and certain aviation specialties. The fourth and last increment was announced Feb. 14 of this year and directed the Active Component Unit Stop Loss for units supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. On May 27, Secretary Brown approved lifting AC Unit Stop Loss and a third partial lift of stop loss for selected skills subject to stop loss one through four.

Prior to Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom, the Army last used Stop Loss during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm in 1990, when President George H. Bush delegated Stop

Loss authority to the Secretary of Defense.

Stop loss does not affect most involuntary separations or retirements, nor does it generally limit laws, regulations or policies that lead to involuntary separations, retirements or releases from active duty.

Analysis for the Global War on Terrorism is on going, according to the Department of the Army. The Army's determination to lift Reserve Component Unit Stop Loss and the remaining two skills under 12-Month, Skill-Based Stop Loss will be addressed shortly. Editor's Note: Story from Department of the Army release and Post staff reports.

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Demobilizing Quartermaster Company missed families, milk while in Uzbekistan

By Jamie Bender
Staff writer

After a six-month mobilization, Reserve soldiers from 375th Quartermaster Company, Belton, Mo., returned home last week.

The unit's mission was to run and manage a Supply Support Activity within the Kharshi-Khanabad, Uzbekistan, airbase. They supported more than 50 units and organizations within Operation Enduring Freedom. A secondary mission included fuel pushes and the maintaining of petroleum resources in Mazir-e-Sharif, in support of a Jordanian run hospital.

The soldiers also participated in the base Noncommissioned Officer of the Month and Quarter boards, said 1st Lt. Heather Kuhn, company commander. They received NCO of the Month honors four months in a row and NCO of the Quarter once. Ten soldiers also qualified as combat lifesavers while mobilized.

Separation from family was one of the soldiers' most difficult challenges while mobilized. Many of the soldiers look forward to the reunion with their loved ones.

"The first thing I'm going to do is be with my wife and kids," said Sgt. Glen Roussin. "We are going to Florida and see my parents, my sister and grandparents."

"The first thing to do is relax and spend time with my family," said Sgt. Darrin Rawson.

Staff Sgt. Dale Schmidt had a grandson born three days after arriving at Fort Riley in January.

"My daughter had a baby boy," he said. "I got pictures over the Internet, but I am looking forward to meeting him."

As reservists, the soldiers left behind their civilian jobs when they were mobilized. Upon their return, many of the soldiers said they felt secure that their jobs will be waiting for them.

Roussin is a dispatcher with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. He has been in contact with his employer and knows his job is secure.

"Other patrolmen have been called up as well," said Roussin. "They hate to see us go, but we have a job to do, and even though we work for the state, they are proud that we are serving our country, too."

Sgt. Darrin Rawson said he was in contact with his employer while he was gone also.

"I'm a courier for Fed-Ex,"

said Rawson. "They sent some cards and care packages while I was gone."

Schmidt was able to contact his employer as well. "I work for the 16th Circuit Court as a locksmith," he said. "I went and saw them when I went home last weekend on pass, so I know I have a job."

Some of the soldiers had to interrupt their education when they received their mobilization orders.

Spc. Olivia Klinkhardt is a student at the University of Missouri at Columbia.

"All of my professors worked with me, so I got all the credits for my classes, and I'll be able to pick up where I left off," she said.

For many of the soldiers, this was their first mobilization, and they were able to learn from it.

"The most important thing I learned from this situation was to

stand up for yourself and your soldiers," said Roussin. "When things go down, you just have to stand up."

Sgt. Deborah O'Shea has been in the Reserves for 16 years.

"This experience reinforced the need to take care of your soldiers," she said. "Make sure you take care of them, and they will take care of you, and the job will get accomplished."

While the mobilization held challenges for the soldiers, camaraderie and a sense of family was a positive effect for some of them.

"The best part, for me, was being with the group of people I was with," said O'Shea. "Even when you get really mad... these guys can get you out of that mood. I made some really good friends. We might not stay in touch, but they are really good friends, and I'm glad to have met them."

Roussin said he felt the same way. "The best part was being with the other soldiers and the feeling of camaraderie that developed," he said.

Even though families were missed the most during their separation, many of the soldiers missed a different comfort of home. "I missed milk," said Rawson. "We haven't had any real milk since we have been gone. We drank a lot of water, tea and (sports drinks)."

Klinkhardt felt the rewards of mobilization as well as the downsides. "I saved a lot of money, got to know my unit better and made good friends. I just missed milk and baths. I love American dairy farmers."

Letters to the Front

"I just want you all to know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. I think of my son, Spc. Jeffery Zdams, and you, everyday, praying and hoping that all is well with you. It is hard here when we hear we have lost another soldier, and they don't say whom. We mom's sit here and wonder and pray that knock on the door doesn't come. For all of you, I know it is harder. We don't hear from you that often, but you also have no connection to home either. We all, mothers, fathers, siblings, friends and distant family, are thinking of you, praying for you and thanking you for your bravery and heart. May all of you be safe and know you are loved and thought of everyday." - Sincerely, with love and admiration, Debra Z. Christian, mother of a soldier in 3rd Brigade.

"I would like to tell Cpl. Jason Edwards how much we miss him. We love him, and we are praying daily for his safe return from Iraq. Jason, come home to us as soon as you can. Please be very careful. We also wish only the best for our servicemen and women and pray for them and their families. We pray they will reunite soon. We love you, Jason." - Aunt Darlene, Uncle Wayne, Amanda, Matthew and Andrew

"I would like to tell each and everyone of you that I am very proud of you. I feel you each are my family member. My son was with you, and I was one of the fortunate parents to have her son come home. I wish each of you could have come home then and had a family member meet you. You are in my prayers and I will continue to seek a way to keep you in everyone's thoughts and prayers and get you home also." - A proud mom, Rodena Josey

"To Sgt. Maj. Adrien Poppert: Hello from your little sister. We love and miss you! To all of our military, may God watch over you and keep you safe. God bless you all!" - Love you, Cathy

"I want to let all of you know I am thinking about and praying for all of you and for your speedy return to the U.S. A. Special 'I love you' to my son, Pfc. Jason Lundgren, 2nd Bn., 70th Armor. Be safe, hurry home and God bless all of our servicemembers!" - Julie Wolf, St. Cloud, Minn.

"To all of our military in Iraq and surrounding countries: I would like to thank you and wish you all a safe return home to your friends and families. To Spc. Marcus L. Smith, I want to say we all miss you and look forward to visiting you in Kansas when you return. I am currently in Mannheim, Germany, and I will leave our number with Stacy. On your trip home, if you stop in Germany for any amount of time, call please. I hope all is well with you. May God bless you all." - With all my love from one American to another, Alice Smith-Morse



1st Lt. Heather Kuhn, company commander, 375th Quartermaster Company, stands with her troops during a demobilization ceremony at Custer Parade Field.

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Briefs

Childcare Openings

The Fort Riley Child Development Center currently has openings for the full-day pre-school for children 3-5 years of age. The hours available are 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cost is based on total family income. Children must be registered with Child and Youth Services before they can be enrolled in the CDC. Contact CVS Central Registration, 239-9478 or 239-4847, for information and an appointment.

Construction

Fort Riley's new Waste Water Treatment Plant is under construction. This plant will replace the three existing plants, which were built in the 1940s and 1950s. As part of the construction, the contractor will need to close some roads in order to install new underground pipes. For the next 60 days, Caisson Hill Road starting just north of Irwin Army Community Hospital will be closed. For more information, call 239-6942.

Prairie Run

Fort Riley's annual Prairie Run will take place tomorrow. The run will consist of a 10-mile, 5-mile and 2-mile race. All races are open to the Fort Riley community and the general public. The 2-mile race begins at 7 a.m. The 5 and 10-mile races will begin at 7:30 a.m. Same-day registration begins at 6 a.m., and all races start and end at King Field House, building 202.

Awards will be given to the top three finishers of each gender and age category in each race. An overall first place award will be given to the top male and female finisher in each race. There is a \$12 entry fee at the race. For more information, 239-2172 or 239-3945.

Softball Scorekeepers Needed

The Fort Riley Sports Office is looking for a few more individuals who would like to become scorekeepers for slow pitch softball games. The games are in the evenings and on weekends. It can be a good source of extra income during the summer months. Anyone that might be interested should contact Barry Sunstrom, 239-3945.

Human Patient Simulator

Fort Riley medics are invited to schedule time for using the Human Patient Simulator. Irwin Army Community Hospital will only have the Human Patient Simulator for a 90-day trail. To reserve a time, call Staff Sgt. Kevin Lockett, NCOIC for the Health Specialist (91W) Transition Program, 239-2111.

Praise Team Leader/Pianist Needed

The Contemporary Protestant service in Kapaun Chapel is looking for a Christian praise team leader and pianist for their praise team. Service meets Sundays at 11 a.m. Rehearsals are Wednesday, 6 p.m. and Sunday, a.m. These positions are paid, contracted positions. In addition, volunteer bass and lead guitar players are needed. If interested, call Chap. Paulson, 239-3436.

Thrift Shop

Are you getting ready to move? Let the Fort Riley Thrift Shop help you get ready for the packers.

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any damage that the sand may have caused. The soldiers will then continue training for future missions.

"The great thing about our mission at Fort Riley is that it correlates with the mission we do in the field, helping the sick and wounded or moving medical supplies or doctors. Our missions at home prepare us for our missions in the field," Schwartz said.

Sort through your belongings and call the Thrift Shop to come and pick up any donations in good condition) from your house.

Visit the Thrift Shop in building 267, Stuart Ave., 784-3874. Hours of operation are 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month.

Organizational Day

The Office of the Inspector General will be closed Aug. 1, for Organization Day.

The G1 will be participating in an Organizational Day at McCormack Park July 31, 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. There will be maximum participation at the Organizational Day, but skeleton crews will be maintained in each section to service continuing customers. Please plan accordingly.

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate will close at 11:30 a.m., Aug. 1 for their Organizational Day.

The Shoppe

The Shoppe has the gifts you need to say "farewell" or "Thank You" to someone special. Come and see what The Shoppe has to offer! The Shoppe is located in building 259, Stuart Ave., 239-2783. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Tuesday - Saturday.

Mail Training

The 'Official Mail Training' class will be offered Aug. 13, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., building 319, CPAC. An "Introduction to Unit Mailroom Operations" class will be offered Aug. 6 and 20 August, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Pre-enrollment is required. Call 239-5411 to enroll.

Claim of Indebtedness

Anyone having a claim to or against the estate of Staff Sgt. Robert E. Welle formerly of 3rd

Brigade, 382nd Logistic Support Battalion, 75th Division (Training Support), Fort Riley, Kansas 66442, should contact Capt. Nancy Torres, 785-239-0950.

Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts of Kaw Valley Council invite everyone to attend their Community Celebration of Youth event Aug. 5 at Girl Scout Little House, 321 Sunset, Manhattan.

The event is free, but those wanting to attend must R.S.V.P. to 1-800-432-0286 to ensure enough food will be prepared for the event.

The event is scheduled to kick off at 5:30 p.m. and last until 8 p.m. Dinner will be served 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m., and the planned activities take place 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. The event is open to everyone. You don't have to be a member of the girl Scouts to attend.

Off-road Vehicles

The Army Corps of Engineers and the School Creek Off-Road Vehicle Association at Milford Lake would like to remind everyone to be safe and wear protective gear while riding on the 287-acre Off-Road Vehicle area. The area is restricted to ORVs up to 50 inches or less. Everyone is also reminded that the speed limit within the parking area is 10 mph. ORVs that are not licensed for the highway cannot be operated on roadways outside of the riding areas. Since the area has limited maintenance, it is up to all users to help keep litter picked up and to follow the rules. The Milford Lake staff cautions all users of the ORV area to keep safety in mind, and remember the area is used by riders of all ages and abilities. Expect the unexpected and help keep everyone safe. For more information about the park, call 785-238-5714

Fishing Contest

Beginning Aug. 1 there will be three tagged fish released in 15 Fort Riley ponds. Catch a red, white or blue-tagged fish and win

a prize. Catch the gold-tagged fish and win the grand prize.

All participants who already have a Fort Riley Hunting/Fishing permit must sign up with Outdoor Recreation by Thursday. Newly assigned personnel to Fort Riley and civilians may sign up for the fishing contest when purchasing their Fort Riley Hunting/Fishing permits. Returning deployed individuals may sign up anytime. Cost to enter the contest is \$5 per individual and \$10 per family.

Sign up at the Fort Riley Outdoor Recreation Center, building 9011, Rifle Range Road. The contest will end Dec. 31. All participants must obey both state and Fort Riley fishing regulations and have both a Kansas fishing and Fort Riley Hunting/Fishing permit. Contact Outdoor Recreation for more information and official rules, 239-2363

Military Appreciation

The Kansas City Board of Public Utilities has announced that the first night of The Fair in Wyandotte County this year will honor the men and women who serve in the U.S. military.

"This is our way of saying 'thanks' to the men and women who serve our country, at home and abroad, and who keep our nation safe," said Leon Daggett, BPU General Manager. "These people are ready to put their lives on the line for us. That's why we have decided to open The Fair with a special salute and dedicate the entire evening on Friday to

honoring these men and women."

All military personnel who present valid military identification today will receive 2-for-1 tickets for carnival rides throughout the evening. Military personnel with identification also will receive 2-for-1 tickets for this evening's Motorcross racing event at the Pepsi Arena. Pepsi Pass holders with military identification may bring a guest at no extra charge for this event.

Special Forces

The Special Forces recruiter will be visiting Fort Riley Aug. 4-7. The briefings will be held at the Post-Reup building (7626) at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. daily, with an additional briefing at 6 p.m. Aug. 5 and 7. Also on Aug. 5 and 7, a PT test will be conducted at Long track, Aug. 7 and 8, 7 a.m. Candidates will wear Bdu's and running shoes. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Aubrey Hawkins, (719) 510-4493

School Registration

USD 475 will have registration for all grades Aug. 6, 8 a.m.-7p.m. and Aug. 7, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Bring Health Assessments (School Physicals), immunization records, transcripts or report cards, birth certificate and Social Security number. Register at the school your child will be attending. For more information, call 238-6184.

USD 383 registration is Aug. 5, for all grade levels at South Gym,

Manhattan High School, West Campus, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Contact Robinson Education Center, 587-2000, if you have questions.

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McKendree Perrin, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor, Bulldogs slides under the leaping Nathan Donham, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor, Headhunters, during the Bulldogs 13-10 win.

Intrabattalion softball grudge match finds Bulldogs chomping Headhunters

By Ryan D. Wood
Staff Writer

A grudge match pitting brother against company brother, as well as the current 3rd and 4th place teams in the Fort Riley Slow Pitch Softball League, turned out to be a nail biter as the Bulldogs of Company B, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor put away the Headhunters of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor, 13-10.

The game started with more than the usual ribbing between teams, as bragging rights were at stake. The Bulldogs struck first after a single put a runner at first, and a force at first allowed the runner to take second. A throwing error by the Headhunters allowed the base runner to tag up and bring in the first run of the game.

The Headhunters seemed out of touch early as they offered three hitters and three quick outs to the Bulldogs to end the inning 1-0.

The Bulldogs initiated the second inning with a powerful scoring drive. Opening with a single, the following batter smacked the ball into deep center, bouncing it only inches in front of the outfielder and allowing the runner to scamper home. The next seven hitters accounted for three more RBI's. When the Bulldogs were finally silenced,

the score stood at 5-0.

The headhunters seemed to be shocked into action as they took the plate and tried to put some points on the board. A single, a force at first and an error put runners at first and third for the Headhunters. The following batter squeezed a shot in between 2nd and 3rd that was scooped up and thrown to 2nd for the force. The 2nd baseman then overthrew the ball at home allowing the Headhunters their first run of the game. A stand-up triple by the next batter and the single that followed brought in two more runs.

The board at the end of the inning pinned the score at 5-3.

The third inning brought the Bulldogs to the plate. The late flurry of Headhunter runs. Trying to answer back, the Bulldogs' first batter ran a grounder right at the 2nd baseman, and beat the throw

to first for a single. The following batter put a fly ball into left field which was caught for the out, but the 1st base runner tagged up and beat another throw to second. Unable to capitalize on the runner in scoring position, the next batter sent a fly ball to die in a Headhunters' mitt. Another single stranded two runners as a pop-up foul was snagged by the pitcher to end the side.

The Headhunters didn't seem to be able to do much better as they took the plate, putting one runner on or on base because of an error but leaving him there after three quick outs. At the end of the third the score was still 5-3.

Aaron Sims, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor, swings for the fences during a grudge match with the Headhunters of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor.



hit into a Headhunter double play. A force at second ended the side with the score still stuck at 5-3.

Starting the bottom of the fourth with some pop, the Headhunters put two singles on base with their first two batters. A force at third gave the Headhunters their first out, but an error by the Bulldogs' shortstop allowed a runner to motor home. The run brought the Headhunters as close as they were going to get to the Bulldogs score at 5-4 at the end of the fourth inning.

The Bulldogs kicked the fifth inning into high gear as they put their first three batters on base. A fly to second put an out on the board, but that didn't stop the Bulldogs. Two singles added a force at first but also gave the Bulldogs two more runs. Even so, the scoring wasn't over, as a stand up triple brought in two more. As the Bulldogs finally gave up their third out on a force at first, the score read 9-4.

The Headhunters showed some power still lingered with an infield homer that just tucked itself inside the 1st base foul line, but one run was all the Headhunters could muster as three quick outs retired the side with a score of 9-5.

The Bulldogs seemed to want to pad the scoreboard a bit as they opened the sixth with hits putting runners at second and third base. A stand up double by the third batter of the side brought in one run. After enduring

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Prairie Run still accepting racers

By William Biles
Staff Writer

The Fort Riley Sports Office will be conducting the post's 10 - 5 - 2 Prairie Run tomorrow, 6 a.m. - 10 a.m.

The Prairie Run consists of three different races, a 10-mile race, a 5-mile race and a 2-mile race.

Runners may register and pick up their racing packets for all three races on the day of the race, 6 - 6:45 a.m.

The start and finish line will be at King Field House, building 202, located on Main Post.

Start times for the races are scheduled for 7 a.m. for the 2-mile race and 7:30 a.m. for the 5-mile and 10-mile races.

An entry fee of \$12 per individual is required if registering on

race day. Those who registered prior to July 21, will receive a Prairie Run T-shirt with their registration fee. Receiving a T-shirt for same day registration cannot be guaranteed.

All of the races are open to the Fort Riley military community, as well as the general public.

The 2-mile race is not a fun run. Dogs, baby strollers, joggers, skateboards, roller-skates, motorized vehicles, bicycles or headsets are not allowed on the race course.

Awards will be given to the top three finishers in each gender and age category for each race.

An overall first place award will be given to the top male and female of each race also.

For more information, call the Fort Riley Sports Office, 239 - 2172 or 239 - 3945.

Fort Riley boxer shows his stuff on Army team

By William Biles
Staff Writer

He joined the Army to follow his dream of becoming a professional pugilist.

Now that he is in the service, Spc. Jeffery Spencer, cook, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, has the dedication, and the support of his unit, to do so.

Spencer fell in love with the sweet science of boxing before his entry into the Army.

"When I was little, my grandfather always tried to get me into boxing. Then, when I was about 17 years old I started to see and understand what it's all about, and that is when I fell in love with it," said Spencer.

Boxing for the Army Boxing Team was the reason Spencer joined the military.

"The sole purpose of me joining the Army was to box for it, and I heard it could be a way for me to box in the Olympics," he said.

For Spencer to be a part of the Army Boxing Team, he needed to sell himself to the boxing team's coach.

"I had to submit a packet that stated my goals and objectives, as well as any accomplishments I might have. It's what you need to do in order to sell yourself to the team's coach," Spencer said.

Spencer's love for the sport can be seen in the way he juggles his time in the gym with his work schedule. "As a cook, our hours are so hectic, and that makes it difficult at times to get a proper workout. I have to get it (workout) in when I can fit it in," he said.

Spencer puts himself through a rigorous workout after putting in a full day of work.

He starts out slowly, by stretching and performing shadow boxing in the mirror. After his warm up, he goes about six rounds on

the heavy bag and another two or three rounds on the speed bag. Once he finishes up there, he cools down by throwing more punches shadow boxing and stretching out, he said.

Another aspect of Spencer's dedication to the sport is what he accomplished last season while on the team.

"I won All-Army in the 178-pound division; I came in second place for the All-Forces competition and I have been ranked eighth in the nation," Spencer said.

Spencer has had help in achieving his success as a boxer.

"Ever since I started out, my unit has supported me 100 percent. Even now, with the change in command my unit has had, they are supporting me just as much," he said.

The unit supports him by giving him temporary duty status in order for him to participate during the team's season.

With his boxing career, Spencer has also gained some notoriety.

"I've gained quite a bit of recognition from boxing. I plan on turning pro one day, and this will help me to accomplish that goal," he said. "I wouldn't say I am a celebrity because of boxing, but a lot of people know me for what I have done while I've been here, and I've gained a lot of respect for it."

Spencer said he has gained valuable skills and training with boxing in the Army.

"I went from a level five to a level 10 boxer. The training is harder, longer, more skillful and technical. Back home the training I did was skillful and technical, but it wasn't as hard or as long. It is not an easy job to do," he said.

Although Spencer's separation from the Army falls within an Olympic year, he plans to extending his contract to be able to attend the games.

Many potential opportunities for fishing on Fort Riley overlooked

By Gibran Suleiman
DES Biologist

Most Fort Riley anglers are familiar with the fishing opportunities that are provided by the installation's 29 fishable ponds. However, many overlook the potential that Fort Riley's 145 miles of streams and rivers have to offer.

The best potential for game-fish can be found on the fort's three major rivers, the Republican, Smokey Hill and Kansas. The flow in the Republican River is determined by the amount of water that Milford reservoir is releasing. During times of low flow, fish will congregate in the deeper pools. Channel and flat-

head catfish, white bass, wipers, walleye and even large and small-mouth bass can be found in the Republican. The clear water and shallow stretches of water make the Republican River a prime spot to bow fish for non-sport fish.

Bow fishing is permitted on Fort Riley in the Kansas, Smokey Hill and Republican Rivers and Funston Lake. It is also permitted at Marshall Lake when it is full and in the Whiteside oxbow of the Kansas River.

All state regulations for fishing are in effect on Fort Riley. Trotlines, limn lines, bank lines or any type of setline can be used in the Kansas, Republican and Smokey Hill Rivers. They can also be used in Wildcat, Madison and Timber

Creeks. The Republican River also supports a large number of rough fish, including carp and drum. Unlike the Republican, the waters

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of the Kansas and Smokey Hill Rivers normally run fairly turbid, making live bait one of the preferred methods for fishing. Anglers fishing these waters might end up catching a shovel-nose sturgeon, which is a unique looking fish to say the least. Sturgeon can be caught throughout the spring and summer by fishing with worms on the bottom of the stream.

The majority of streams on Fort Riley are too small to support populations of game fish. Wildcat creek, on the eastern side of the post, does support healthy popula-

tions of catfish and bass. This creek consists of an alternating pattern of pools and riffles. Quality sized catfish can be caught in the large pools, especially near woody debris where riffles enter the pools. Both largemouth bass and spotted bass are relatively common in most stretches of Wildcat creek. A fifteen-inch length limit is in effect for black bass. Sections of Wildcat creek contain good numbers of largemouth

bass.

For those wanting to pursue more exotic fare, Fort Riley has an abundance of turtles, bullfrogs and crayfish. A State of Kansas fishing or combination license and a Fort Riley fishing license are required to take turtles and frogs, and all state regulations do apply on Fort Riley. Snapping and soft-shelled turtles are the only species allowed for taking on Fort Riley. There is no season for turtles and the daily limit is eight. Turtle traps can be set post wide. No permits are required to seine for crayfish, but seining is only allowed in training areas west of U.S. Highway 77 and in all impoundments and rivers.

Bullfrogs season extends from July 1 through Oct. 31, with the

daily limit being eight. Bullfrogs can be taken post wide, but may not be taken with a bow from Breakneck, Moon or Cameron Springs ponds.

Fishing flowing waters can provide a nice change to pond fishing. The chance of catching a very large fish like flathead catfish or carp drastically increases when fishing rivers. If the fish aren't biting, there are always frogs and turtle to go after. Imagine having your neighbors over for some frog leg appetizers followed by some snapping turtle soup!

For more information, contact the Directorate of Environment and Safety, Conservation Division, 239-6211, or visit DES in building 1020.



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Health Briefs

Breast-feeding Class

The Women and Infant Care Center of Irwin Army Community Hospital offers free classes on Breast-feeding Babies on the third Wednesday of each month. A dietitian will address the nutritional requirements for breast-feeding moms and a lactation educator will talk about the advantages of breast-feeding and how to prepare for successful nursing. Information on breast-feeding techniques, troubleshooting advice and where to find support will also be offered. Classes are

held in the Obstetrics classroom on the third floor of IACH, 1 - 2:30 p.m. Everyone is invited and walk-ins are welcome. For more information, call Maj. Susanna Itara at 239-7434.

Cancer Support

The Fort Riley Cancer Support Group meeting will be Aug. 6, 6 p.m., at Irwin Army Community Hospital, on the first floor, in the patient waiting area of the Combined Surgery Clinic. Participants are asked to bring any news articles pertaining to their cancer

diagnosis.

Military service members, their family members and Department of Army Civilians are welcome to attend. Participation is encouraged for persons who were recently diagnosed with cancer, family and friends of persons with cancer and cancer survivors.

Prenatal classes

The Women Infant Care Center of Irwin Army Community Hospital will be offering a prenatal class tomorrow, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the 3rd floor classroom at

IACH. Expectant mothers between their 12th and 40th week of pregnancy are eligible to attend. The prenatal classes are free. Expectant mothers are asked to bring their spouse, significant other or birth coach. The class is limited to 20 participants. The prenatal classes will continue to be held on the 3rd Saturday of every month at IACH. For more information, call Maj. Susanna Itara, 239-7434.

To register for prenatal classes, call the Fort Riley Tricare Service Center, 784-1200, or toll free, 1-888-874-9378.

Tobacco Cessation Classes

Community Health Nursing of Irwin Army Community Hospital offers free Tobacco Cessation classes. This is a four-week program, which meets once a week and is run by trained medical professionals. Participants may choose to quit smoking without medication or healthcare providers may prescribe Zyban. Nicotine patches are also offered during the class. For those concerned about gaining weight after kicking the tobacco habit, a dieti-

cian teaches healthy ways to avoid weight gain. Military servicemembers, their families and DoD civilians are eligible to participate. To register, call Community Health Nursing at 239-7323.

Pregnancy Physical Training

Pregnancy Physical Training is held every Monday and Friday, 6:30 - 7:30 a.m., at the Armed Forces YMCA, 16th and Washington St., Junction City, and on Wednesdays it is held at Normandy Chapel, building 7865.

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"The hardest part was being away from my little boy," Schnarr said. "I'm feeling excited about seeing him again, and I anticipate the reunion to go pretty good - I'm looking forward to it."

Soldiers felt the support of their families and friends, even when in Iraq and out of touch with them.

"Just knowing my family and friends were here (home) supporting me 100 percent helped to keep my morale up," said Gunn.

Morale was a concern for the units commander, only in one area.

"The only morale issue we had was the question, 'When are we coming home?'" said Lt. Col.

George Geczy, commander, 1st Bn., 41st Inf. "I told my guys, 'When the fighting is over, we will more than likely be going home'. However, it is very difficult to determine if the fighting is done over there, and I had to tell my men that we are infantry soldiers and it is still an infantry mission, and we will be here until it's over."

On Independence Day, the soldiers were given an additional reason to celebrate the holiday.

"I was able to tell them on the Fourth of July that 300 of them would be flying home on the 13th.

I then had 578 guys in that formation that just went nuts when they heard. It didn't matter who was

flying out, 300 guys were getting to go home, and it was absolute joy," said Geczy.

Stutzman was elated when he heard he was soon going home.

"I was over ecstatic when I realized we were finally done with our job there and were finally able to come back to civilization - to our family and friends," he said.

The feelings of joy at the homecoming celebrations last week were not limited to that of the families, friends and soldiers of the infantry battalion.

"I have a feeling of joy by being able to see them reunite with their families," said Brig. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commander,

24th Infantry Division and Fort Riley. "These soldiers have been on point for the nation for well over a year, and their families have been on point with them. They have done a wonderful job and have proved what the future is all about - flexibility, agility and adaptability - by taking the fight to the enemy."

"When you talk about great patriots of the past, pioneers who have built this country, the 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry has joined those ranks over the last couple of months with what they have done. They make me feel proud to be an American," Hardy said.

Hardy was not the only one busting with pride for the war

veterans.

"We're good close combat soldiers, and anybody who had thought we weren't, now understands that we are very good at close combat," said Geczy.

"I am exceptionally proud of the way we transitioned. We went from winning a battle, with a textbook attack across the river, and less than two hours later, we were dealing with thousands of civilians who were excited about the liberation. The overall performance of this unit's soldiers was superior to that of the enemy," he said.

The soldiers also felt pride in their accomplishments.

"I am so proud of what we do

for our country," said Stutzman.

"Before joining, I never realized the Army worked as hard as we actually do. . . . At the time I was training, I didn't realize how much it would come into play during the real thing. It feels good to know all of our training did pay off when it was needed," Stutzman stated.

What's in store for the soldiers of the battalion?

"We are looking toward the end of July to having a major ceremony for them, where we will have some awards that need to be pinned on these great soldiers. After that, they will be looking at 30 days of block leave," concluded Hardy.

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ing two outs, the Bulldogs again started hitting. Three singles by the Bulldogs and two errors by the Headhunters brought in three more runs, and after finally giving up the third out, the score stood at 13-5.

Not wanting to go down without a fight, the Headhunters rallied in the dugout and stepped up to the plate ready to get back into the game. The first batter blooped a ball into short center for a single and was glad to take it home as the next batter offered the Bulldogs a stand up double to chew on. A pop fly caught by the center fielder allowed the runner to tag up at third and head home for another run. The next batter was walked, and a line drive that shot out of a Bulldog mitt put two runners on base. A grounder to the second baseman was bobbled but, with a split second to spare, he got control of the ball and stomped on 2nd base for the out.

With runners at 1st and 3rd, a long, long ball was sent down the 3rd base foul line sending two more runners home. After one more fly ball was caught for an out, the score was 13-9, and the Headhunters looked to be staging a comeback attempt.

With shouting and renewed energy, the Headhunters took the field determined to bring down

the powerful Bulldogs. The intensity of the crowd was contagious as the Headhunter fans finally saw some light at the end of the inning.

Not wanting to disappoint, the Headhunters dominated the Bulldogs defensively and slapped them with three lightning-fast outs.

The Bulldogs lopez into the field knowing that the momentum was with the other side but ready to show that they weren't going to give up that easily.

The headhunters sent two quick singles to the bases and

seemed ready to explode as the Bulldog pitcher fumbled an easy catch and loaded the bases. A fly to left field resulted in an out but allowed the runner at third to tag and head for home, bringing the score to 13-10. With runners at 1st and 2nd, the Bulldogs decide that they were done giving in and waited to gnaw the next batter. A determined Bulldog fielder hauled in a fly to left field and the chance of a Headhunter comeback was squashed as a grounder to short ended the game with a final score of Bulldogs 13, Headhunters 10.

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